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DIRT CUP WITH FILTER

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2009, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the complete listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.